

KILLED MOTHER TO HIDE THEFTS

Pottsville Suicide Left Letter
Confessing Dastardly Crime.

INTENDED TO KILL FATHER

Decided to End His Own Life After
Failing in Second Murder — Had
Robbed His Parents Since He Was
Ten Years Old.

Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 8.—A lengthy confession by George Simon in his own handwriting, written enroute to Birdsboro, after the failure of an attempt to kill his father, has come to light, clearing up the crime of the murder of his mother, Mrs. Phoebe Simon, and the subsequent suicide of himself.

Young Simon says that he killed his mother by shooting her through the head in order to conceal the fact that he had been systematically robbing her and his father since he was ten years old, until they, unknown to themselves, had not a cent in the world. He further confesses that he intended to kill his father with a hatchet while he slept and then saturate the bed and the building with oil and conceal his crime by setting the house on fire.

He entered his father's room several nights after the killing of his mother, but the parent was awakened and ordered the youth from his room. He says that when this attempt failed he determined to leave his father unharmed and to instead take his own life. He went to Birdsboro to see his sweetheart, Miss Viola Hartranft, of Pottsville, who was visiting there, to bid her farewell before shooting himself. His nerve evidently failed him and he returned to Pottsville with the girl. His confession goes no further than up to the time he left the train at Birdsboro.

The message from the dead is a pathetic one, pleading for forgiveness and expressing the opinion that "when my darling learns of this it will kill her." Part of the letter, which covers twelve foolscap pages, is addressed to his father. He says that his downfall commenced when he was ten years of age and commenced to steal pennies and then nickels and dimes from his mother's purse. This led to bigger thefts until finally, at the age of thirteen, he forged his father's name to a check and drew a large sum of money. This was continued until the father's bank account was exhausted. After that the money given to him to deposit was kept by himself instead of being taken to the bank.

He kept money given to him by his father to put in a saving fund and also that of a friend of his father's, which he was supposed to deposit monthly for him. When every cent the parents owned had been squandered he decided to hide the robbery from them by taking their lives and making their home their funeral pyre.

"After the killing of my sainted mother I repented and tried to consecrate my soul to God, and it was then that I determined to spare my father's life and take my own."

It was when police officers found him at the home of his sweetheart, after the finding of the decomposed body of his mother in a spare room, the door of which had been screwed shut after the body had been covered with quicklime and disinfectant, that Simon shot himself. He had not been suspected of the murder of his mother up to that time.

AVIATOR KILLED IN FALL OF AEROPLANE

E. Lefebvre, Daring Frenchman,
Meets Death in Machine.

Juvisy-Sur-Orge, France, Sept. 8.—E. Lefebvre, the French aviator, has been killed by a fall from his aeroplane, in which he was practicing over the aviation field here. M. Lefebvre sustained mortal injuries when the machine crashed to the ground. Aid was rendered him, but he died soon after.

M. Lefebvre was a contestant at the recent aerial competitions at Rheims, and has been known for his daring performances and recklessness. During one of the Rheims races he was fined \$4 for reckless flying.

Several months ago M. Lefebvre purchased a Wright aeroplane and started at once making a series of successful flights near The Hague. After his demonstrations in Holland M. Lefebvre dropped out of sight for awhile, but came back into the arena at Rheims, where he piloted a Wright machine.

Panama Canal Fair.

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 8.—A \$1,000,000 association, headed by John D. Spreckels, has been incorporated to give a world's fair here in 1915, in celebration of the completion of the Panama canal.

Well Known Missionary Dead.

Warren, Pa., Sept. 8.—Rev. Albert J. Nathan, a missionary, well known through his connection with the rescue of Ellen Stone, who was held by the bandit Ratsula, is dead here.

club managed to get three men on the bases, with no one out. The captain of the mill team summoned Stauffer, who was being held in reserve.

The first man that faced Stauffer was struck out in a jiffy. The second met a similar fate. The next batter was called. It was the same thing over again. The crowd went crazy with excitement.

Stauffer turned to bow to his admirers, doffing his cap. Then he clapped his hand to his left breast and fell over. When they got to him he was dead.

Cannibals Ate Telegraph Operator. Advice that were received at Antwerp from the French Congo say that cannibalism is rampant in the Mataba and Sangha regions, where the blacks are in complete revolt. They have killed and eaten a number of factory employes, and a telegraph operator was slain at his key and devoured. Native detachments, headed by four French officers, have left for the scene to punish the cannibals.

Y. M. C. A. Prosperous.

The year book of the issued by the Young Men's Christian Association of North America shows that the organization now includes 1914 associations, with 456,927 members, a gain of 10,500 in twelve months. The association's property holdings are valued at \$62,800,000 and the aggregate debt is only \$7,100,000. The yearly expenses, provided for by membership fees and contributions, are more than \$7,600,000.

\$500,000 Fire In Pittsburg.

Five persons were injured, one seriously, and a monetary damage of \$500,000 resulted by a fire which destroyed the J. A. Blank Express and Storage house in the east end district of Pittsburg. The fire, which started from crossed wires in the elevator shaft of the storage building, spread rapidly, damaging several adjoining residences and stores in the vicinity.

Lord De Clifford Killed by Auto.

Lord De Clifford was killed in an automobile accident at Bramber, England. His car was overturned when his chauffeur tried to avoid a collision with two carts in a narrow road.

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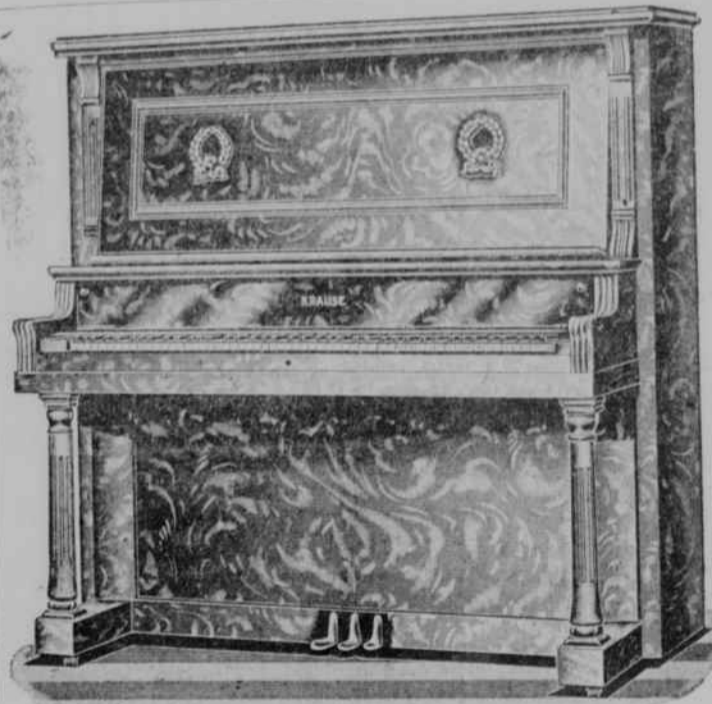
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Creamery Swing Churn.

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With best wishes, I am

Your friend,

Mrs. W. A. SOUTHALL.

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